THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Planning Commission have cleared Part I of the Calcutta Circular Railway Project envisaging provision of a single line from Dum-Dum to Prinsep Ghat with haulage of trains by diesel locos. By January 1985, in stages, 10 km single line section with diesel haulage from Prinsep Ghat to Ultadanga Road has been commissioned. Further work is in progress.

(b) Upto 31-3-1986, expenditure incurred on Part I of the Calcutta Circular Railway Project has been Rs. 14.40 crores, against its total estimated cost of Rs. 35 crores. For 1986-87, a sum of Rs. 5 crores has been earmarked.

Calcutta Airport

288. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Msnister during his recent visit to Calcutta on October, 17-18 last announced any programme for the improvement of Calcutta Airport; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount specifically allotted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Following the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Calcutta, it has been decided to construct a New International Terminal at Calcutta Airport.

(b) Detailed project report and precise cost estimates are yet to be worked out.

Metro Railway in Calcutta

289. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of construction of the Metro Railway in Calcutta has, of late, slowed own;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the construction is likely to be completed as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Progress of work on Calcutta Metro has suffered to some extent due to unprecedented rains in Calcutta in the month of September, 1986. Pace of work has, however, picked up in October, 1986. Construction of Metro Railway in Calcutta is likely to be completed by December, 1990 as scheduled, subject to availability of adequate funds in the coming years and acquisition by the State Government of land essentially required for construction of this Project.

Adoption of P.T. Usha by the Central Government

290. SHR SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala Government has recommended to the Union Government to adopt Miss P. T. Usha, India's star performer at the Seol Asiad, as the Brazillian Government did in the case of the legendary footballer Pele; and